

**New Marlborough Planning Board
Wednesday February 24, 2016**

Attendees:

Chair: Holly Morse

Members: Mark Carson, Patricia Hardyman, James Mullen, Charlie Parton

Other attendees: Jane Tant (secretary)

Call to Order: 7:01 pm

Review of Mail:

Notification from Alan Siskind on behalf of Lake Buell LLC of application to Western Region Department of Environmental Protection for a Simplified Waterways License to maintain existing dock and rock retaining wall.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting were approved as amended with four in favor and one abstention.

Old Business:

Ms. Morse opened discussion by characterizing the atmosphere at the recent Business Coffee citizens' feedback session held on February 13th as positive and receptive. Mr. Carson and Ms. Hardyman, who had also attended, concurred. They noted the term "village district" was accepted by attendees and agreed to retain use of that term in the draft amendment to the Protective Bylaws.

Ms. Hardyman provided draft minutes of the feedback session which all attendees reviewed and amended. As there were numerous amendments, Ms. Hardyman agreed to revise the draft and bring the revision to the next scheduled meeting for approval. Ms. Hardyman stated she would email Ms. Wendy Miller who had requested a copy of the minutes to notify her of the delay and expected availability of the feedback session minutes. She would also identify to Ms. Miller where the proposed zoning district maps could be viewed.

Ms. Morse noted a chief concern of attendees at the feedback session was the number of additional lots in each village which might become available for subdivision as a result of the proposed amendment to the Protective Bylaws. She proposed posting a chart displaying this information on the Planning Board website. Ms. Hardyman agreed this was the first concern voiced at the feedback session but recommended that prior to posting improved labeling of the chart depicting this information is needed. All members agreed to improve labeling prior to posting.

Ms. Morse then suggested all members reconsider the setback changes previously approved and incorporated in draft amendment to the Protective Bylaws. After each expressed a view, Mr. Parton moved to change both the minimum front and side setbacks for the village district to twenty (20) feet. Mr. Mullen seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Morse agreed to insert the new numbers into the draft Protective Bylaw amendment and notify Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) of the change.

Discussion ensued on key milestones for presentation of the proposed amendment to the Protective Bylaws at the annual Town Meeting on May 2, 2016. Ms. Hardyman advised review by Town Counsel prior to submission to the Select Board. Ms. Morse noted the Select Board must review the proposed amendment prior to March 25, 2016. Ms. Morse then selected Saturday, April 16, 2016 as a potential date for holding of a public hearing on the proposed amendment.

Ms. Morse distributed outline maps of the proposed village district for the five densely settled areas of the Town. Mr. Carson noted an error in one for the Clayton area. Ms. Hardyman was able to locate better maps in her electronic records and agreed to provide those to Ms. Morse. Ms. Morse stated that upon receipt of these electronic maps she will undertake to have them posted on the Planning Board website for viewing by residents.

Ms. Morse informed members she had received from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) a table depicting what needs to be updated in the Open Space and Recreation (OSRP). Ms. Hardyman recommended Ms. Morse discuss with Ms. Lauren Gaherty at BRPC what data BRPC can supply from their regional database to effect updates. Mr. Mullen then suggested the Board hold off on addressing the OSRP update until work on the Protective Bylaw is complete. All members concurred.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.